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TAGS: EAIR, EIND, YE
SUBJECT: SAUDI/YEMENI JOINT VENTURE ON AN AIRLINE

1. DURING JANUARY 9 CONVERSATION ON A VARIETY OF
SUBJECTS (BEING REPORTED BY SEPTELS) FOREIGN MINISTER
ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ INFORMED ME THAT THE JOINT VENTURE
ON AN AIRLINE BETWEEN YEMEN AND SAUDI ARABIA STILL
AWAITS SAUDI SIGNATURE FOR IT TO BE IMPLEMENTED HE
CONTINUED THAT THE YEMENIS HAVE ADVISED PRINCE SULTAN
WHO HAS RECENTLY SUBMITTED THE AGREEMENT TO THE SAUDI
CABINET FOR CONSIDERATION THAT THE YARG IS PREPARED TO
SIGN THE AGREEMENT AS SOON AS THE SAUDI CABINET GIVES
ITS APPROVAL. HE SAID MINISTER OF STATE AHMAD ABDO
SAID HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE
YARG, WHICH IS PREPARED TO FOLLOW THE SAUDI LEAD ON ALL
POINTS.

2. AL-ASNAJ CONTINUED THAT ONCE THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED
THE SAUDIS WILL HAVE TO NAME A GENERAL MANAGER TO WORK
UNDER THE YEMENI CHAIRMAN PURSUANT TO THE JOINT SAUDI/
YEMENI CHARACTER OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION FOR YEMEN
AIRWAYS. AL-ASNAJ WENT ON THAT ONCE THE GENERAL
MANAGER IS NAMED A DECISION WILL THEN HAVE TO
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BE MADE AS TO WHICH EXPATRIATE COMPANY WILL BE GIVEN THE
MANAGEMENT CONTRACT TO RUN THE YEMEN AIRWAYS. AL-ASNAJ
NOTED THAT IN THIS REGARD LUFTHANSA HAS RECENTLY
EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT BUT
THAT HE DOUBTED THE SAUDIS WILL AWARD THE CONTRACT TO
THEM. AL-ASNAJ CONCLUDED THAT AS FAR AS THE YARG IS
CONCERNED THE SAUDIS MAY AWARD THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

TO ANY FOREIGN COMPANY ON ANY BASIS THEY SEE FIT,
EITHER BY OPEN TENDER OR BY SIMPLE DESIGNATION.
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